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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1185

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD,SF

SUBJECT: EXPORTS OF DENIMS TO SOUTH AFRICA

REF: STATE 114776

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED QUESTION OF CONTROLS ON COTTON DENIMS IMPORTS WITH W. WILKER, DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF IMPORT CONTROL IN DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. WILKER STATED THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN SAG POLICY ON COTTON DENIM IMPORTS OVER LAST EIGHTEEN MONTHS. THIS POLICY IS BASICALLY THAT SAG WILL NOT ISSUE IMPORT PERMITS FOR THOSE GRADES OF COTTON DENIM MANUFACTURED IN SOUTH AFRICA. PERMITS ARE ISSUED FOR GRADES NOT PRODUCED DOMESTICALLY. CLOTHES MADE OF COTTON DENIM MAY BE IMPORTED BUT FALL UNDER THE OVERALL QUOTA ON CLOTHING IMPORTS. HE THOUGHT THAT IMPRESSION OF RECENT CHANGE IN POLICY MAY STEM FROM FACT IMPORT PERMITS FOR PIECE GOODS NOW INCLUDE NOTICE TO EFFECT THAT COTTON DENIMS NOT COVERED BY PERMIT. COTTON DENIMS HAVE FOR SOME TIME BEEN EXCLUDED FROM GENERAL PIECE GOOD PERMITS BUT NOTICE HAS BEEN ADDED FOR CLARITY AND BECAUSE ABUSE HAS IN PAST OCCURRED.

2. WILKER NOTED THAT TEXTILE INDUSTRY IN SOUTH AFRICA IS IN EXPTREMELY DEPRESSED STATE AND PROTECTION IN CERTAIN AREAS ESSENTIAL. HE ADDED THAT THREATS OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA HAVE INCREASED NECESSITY TO AVOID EXCESSIVE  
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DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTS. ( COMMENT: WHILE WILKER'S FINAL REMARK WAS LARGELY IRRELEVANT TO TEXTILES, IT ILLUSTRATES CURRENT STATE OF MIND OF SA TRADE OFFICIALS.)  
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